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## New 821st ABG and SPTS CCs take command

1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

### 821st Air Base Group Public Affairs

Col. Thomas Walker relinquished command of the 821st Air Base Group to Col. John Haven II in a ceremony here July 8. Brig. Gen. Richard Webber, 21st Space Wing Commander, presided over the ceremony.

In a subsequent ceremony, Lt. Col. Neil Wentz relinquished command of the 821st Support Squadron to Maj. Randy Boswell.

Col. Walker has been reassigned to serve as the acting director of staff for the 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo., before serving as the Chief of the Analysis Division, Headquarters Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo. Lt. Col. Wentz has been reassigned as the Chief of Construction Requirements, Civil Engineering Directorate, Headquarters Air Mobility Command, Scott AFB, Ill.

Col. Haven expressed his excitement to take the reins as the group's newest commander. "I consider it a true honor to lead the



Photos by Tech Sgt. Daniel Rea

Above left: Col. John Haven II takes the 821st ABG guidon from Brig. Gen. Richard Webber, 21st Space Wing Commander, during a change of command ceremony here July 8. Col. Haven assumed command from Col. Thomas Walker. Above right: Maj. Randy Boswell takes the 821st SPTS guidon from Col. John Haven II, 821st ABG commander, later during the ceremony. Maj. Boswell

men and women of the 821st Air Base Group into the future. I am confident that Team Thule will continue to maintain a tradition of excellence," he said

The 821st Air Base Group operates and maintains Thule Air Base in support of missile warning and space surveillance operations missions, as well as satellite telemetry, tracking and control missions.

Col. Haven enlisted in the Air Force in 1968, performing cryptographic maintenance duties in Colorado, Thailand, the Pentagon, Germany and New Hampshire. His career as an officer began upon completion of Officer Training School, Lackland Air Force Base, Texas in June 1982. He has commanded at the squadron level three times and has performed key staff duties at the major command, combatant commander and Joint Staff

levels. Col. Haven most recently served at Headquarters, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB, Colo., as the commander of the Communications Support Squadron.

Maj. Boswell graduated from the University of Missouri, Rolla, Mo., and was commissioned into the Air Force in June 1993. He was first assigned to Kirtland AFB, N.M. as a space power engineer for Philips Laboratory. He then held other positions within the civil engineer career field to include chief of site development, chief of technical engineering, chief of maintenance engineering and military construction program manager. He served most recently as the executive officer to the director of mission support at Headquarters, Air Force Space Command, Peterson AFB.

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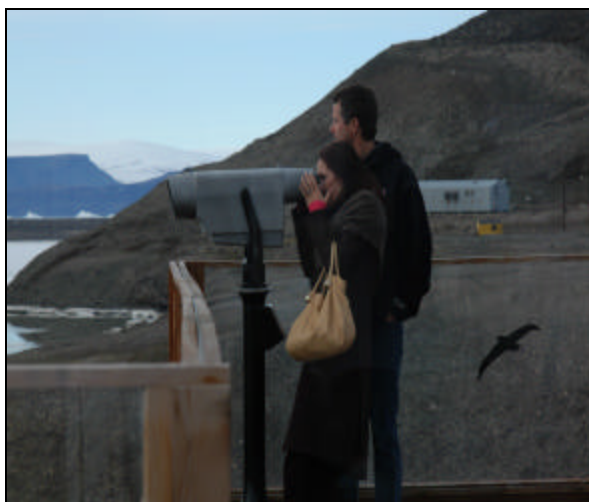
# *Team Thule gets "royal" treatment*



Photos By Tech Sgt. Daniel Rea

Her Majesty Queen Margrethe II is escorted by Commander Tommy Toft, Danish Liaison Officer, through an 821st Air Base Group Honor Cordon as she arrives to Thule Air Base June 30. The Royal Party visited Thule as part of a two-week visit throughout Greenland. The Queen last visited Thule in 1997.

Clockwise from bottom left: Members of Team Thule anxiously await the arrival of the Royal Party. Prince Frederik and Princess Mary enjoy the Greenlandic scenery. Approximately 50 guests attended the dinner at the Pavilion. Jakob Linbo lent his cooking expertise to the dinner. Tech Sgt. Jason Swift, describes the buffet selection as an "American Style Barbecue" to Queen Margrethe II and Prince Henrik.



# 12 SWS holds change of command ceremony

By Tech Sgt. Robert Burnett  
12th Space Warning Squadron

In a change of command ceremony May 27, Lt. Col. Thomas A. Doyne relinquished command of the 12th Space Warning Squadron, to Lt. Col. Franklin J. Hinson. Lt. Col. Hinson's previous assignment was with Northern Atlantic Treaty Organization Headquarters, AIRNORTH, Ramstein AB, Germany.

Lt. Col. Hinson entered the Air Force in 1987 upon graduation from The Citadel, S.C., with a commission from the Reserve Officer Training Corps. Lt. Col. Hinson started his Air Force career as a weather officer and served as a Detachment Commander at King Fahd Air Base, Saudi Arabia in support of Operations Desert Storm and Desert Shield. In 1995 he cross-trained into the space career field and has served in a variety of space operation and staff assignments associated with early warning and space surveillance systems.

While assigned as the Director of Operations at the 20th Space Surveillance Squadron, Eglin AFB, Fla., Lt. Col. Hinson was responsible for the day-to-day operations of the

AN/FPS85 phased array radar, which is the largest contributor to the space surveillance network of global sensors. In his most recent assignment, Lt. Col. Hinson served as an air planner and executive officer at NATO Headquarters AIRNORTH at Ramstein AB, Germany.

Lt Col Doyne, is set to attend the Geneva Center for Security Policy training courses in Geneva, Switzerland. Lt. Col. Doyne will receive advanced training in international security policy, the tenants of which include promoting stability, security, and international cooperation by focusing on the new challenges of the post-Cold War world. Some of these new challenges include coping with the proliferation of weapons of mass destruction, trans-national crime and terrorism.

Col. (sel) Robert D. Gibson, Deputy Commander, 21st Operations Group, 21st Space Wing, Peterson AFB, Colo., presided over the ceremony.

The mission of the 12th SWS is to provide the governments of the United States and Canada tactical warning of ballistic missile attacks. The secondary



Photo By Capt. Jeremy Eggers

**Lt. Col. Franklin "Joey" Hinson takes the 12th SWS guidon from Col. (sel) Robert D. Gibson, 21st Operations Group Deputy Commander, during a change of command ceremony here May 27. Lt. Col. Hinson took command of the 12th SWS from Lt. Col. Thomas Doyne.**

mission is to provide radar data on man-made objects in space to the Space Surveillance Center at Cheyenne Mountain Air Station, Colo. in support of USSTRATCOM's space control mission.

## 821st SFS changes command



Photo by 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

Former 821st Air Base Group Commander, Col. Thomas Walker, gives the 821st Security Forces Squadron guidon to Capt. Joe Gallagher in a change of command ceremony June 17 as Chief Master Sgt. Jimmy Scoggins looks on. As security forces commander for Thule Air Base, Capt. Gallagher is responsible for security of the 254 square-mile Thule Defense Area. This includes the Ballistic Missile Early Warning System, satellite control and tracking facilities, transient aircraft, the Air Force's only deep-sea port and a base population of approximately 800.

Capt. Gallagher entered the Air Force in 1986 as a Security Specialist and received his commission in 1995 from Wilkes University, Wilkes-Barre, Penn. Capt. Gallagher has served in a variety of assignments to include Security Police Flight Leader, Security Operations Officer, Chief of Antiterrorism/Force Protection and Operations Officer. Additionally, he has deployed to Prince Sultan Air Base, Saudi Arabia in support of Operation SOUTHERN WATCH. Capt. Gallagher most recently served as the 90th Security Forces Squadron Commander, F.E. Warren AFB, Wyo., and the Chief of Security Forces Plans, 20th Air Force, F.E. Warren AFB.

# Detachment 3 welcomes newest CC

**By Capt. Nick Folz  
22nd Space Operations Squadron  
Detachment 3**

Detachment 3 of the 22 Space Operations Squadron, 50th Space Wing, Schriever AFB, Colo., changed commanders when Maj. Mike Hower assumed command from Maj. Randall Moore in a ceremony held at the Top of the World Club here July 8.

Major Hower assumes command of the largest of eight remote tracking stations in the Air Force Satellite Control Network.

The detachment performs telemetry, tracking, and commanding

functions for U.S. and allied government space programs.

Major Hower received his commission from the United States Air Force Academy, Colorado Springs, Colo., in 1991, and most recently was stationed as the Command Secretariat for the United States Strategic Command at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

Major Moore, the outgoing Detachment 3 Commander, is moving to assume a position with the Nuclear Command and Control Division, Directorate of Global Operations, U.S. Strategic Command, Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.



Photo by Capt. Nick Folz

**Maj. Mike Hower takes the Det 3 guidon from Lt. Col. Michael Moran, 22nd Space Operations Commander, during a change of command ceremony July 8.**

## The tradition continues...

**Team Thule celebrates Sankt Hans**



A wooden cut-out of a witch burns atop the bonfire during Thule's celebration of Sankt Hans June 23. This traditional Danish celebration of mid-summer signifies the belief that all evil powers are kept away by the light of the bonfire's flames. The celebration also marks the summer solstice. After Sankt Hans the days get shorter until the winter solstice in December. Thule Air Base has celebrated Sankt Hans since 1975.

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# Army to recruit 'downsized' Airmen

By Donna Miles  
American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON (AFPN) -- After they "Cross Into the Blue" Army officials said they hope Airmen leaving the Air Force will join the "Army of One."

A new program, Operation Blue to Green, seeks to recruit into the Army Airmen and Sailors leaving their service because of force reductions. The Army is temporarily increasing its ranks.

Plans call for the Air Force to reduce its numbers by 16,000 by the end of 2005, Air Force officials said.

An Army spokesperson called Operation Blue to Green an opportunity that "will definitely benefit the Department of Defense as well as these individuals."

Details of the program are still being

worked out, but an Army Web site says the program tells potential recruits it "will allow you to continue to serve your country, to maintain the benefits of military service and to expand your horizons by gaining new training and trying new things."

Candidates for the program are Airmen and Sailors in grades E5 and below who qualify for an honorable discharge from active duty. Participation in the program, the Web site says, "is dependent upon your service's willingness to release you from your current active-duty obligation."

New Soldiers recruited under the program will go through a four-week "warrior transition course" being developed by Army Training and Doctrine Command officials.

"This will further orient them in terms of what it means to be a Soldier

in the Army," the Army spokesperson said.

This new course in basic combat skills will substitute for the nine-week course currently used to train Airmen, Sailors and Coast Guardsmen enlisting in the Army, according to the Web site.

Bonuses will be offered to recruits for selected military occupational specialties, although details were not yet available.

While Army officials finalize details about the program, they are wasting no time getting the word out to potential candidates. An online information form encourages interested candidates to sign up for more information. However, the site notes, "Until formal policies have been approved, Army recruiters cannot accept applications, process paperwork or reserve training seats."

## July 4th Softball Tournament Winners



Courtesy Photo

Members of the winning team are: (bottom left) Master Sgt. Marty Clark, Staff Sgt. Chris Terrio, Tech Sgt. Tom Davis, Lt. Col. Neil Wentz (top left) Capt. Nick Folz, Capt. Jim Sutphen, 1st Lt. Dave Curb, Master Sgt. Dean Schmid, Tech Sgt. Ron Whited, Master Sgt. Scott Phipps and Capt. Lance Brenneke.

## Thule celebrates Greenland National Day



Photo by 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble  
Members of Team Thule were treated to traditional Greenlandic drum dancing during the 25th Anniversary Celebration of Greenland National Day at the Top of the World Club at Thule June 19. The weekend-long celebration concluded with a flag raising ceremony in front of the 821st ABG headquarters June 21.

# Team Thule celebrates July 4th

## Weekend-long activities spark fun at the top of the world



Photo by 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

Nashville-native band, Mile 8 performs during the Thule July 4th Block Party at the Community Activities Center July 4. Members of Team Thule were treated to several performances throughout the week courtesy of 821st Services.



Photo by Tech Sgt. Roy Wanner



Photo by 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

Above left: Members of the 821st Security Forces Squadron attempt to keep their regatta afloat. Capt. Joe Gallagher, 821st SFS/CC, opts not to go down with the ship. Above right: Members of Team Thule enjoy a barbecue dinner and a performance by Mile 8 at the July 4th Block Party.

## Rewritten Airman's Manual coming

**By Tech Sgt. David A. Jablonski  
Air Force Print News**

**WASHINGTON** -- An Airman's most important deployment tool just got better.

The original Air Force Manual 10-100, the "Airman's Manual," published in 1999, has been revised and updated and hits the streets July 19.

"Within four weeks, we will distribute more than 675,000 copies to every active-duty member, reservist and guardsman," said David Epstein, the training and publications manager for the Air Force civil engineer readiness branch. An electronic version is already available on the Air Force portal.

A working group of contract writers and active-duty subject-matter experts from a cross-section of Air Force specialties began the revision in October 2003. The manual was completed in January and went to press June 9.

One major improvement combines the manual with Air Force Handbook 32-4014, Volume 4, "USAF Ability to Survive and Operate Procedures in a Nuclear, Biological, and Chemical Environment." This consolidated the two publications from 400 pages to about 250 and put them both into one easy-to-carry booklet that fits into the battle dress uni-

form pants cargo pocket.

Another important feature is the addition of about 20 pages of potential life-saving information, Steve Prier said. He is the Full Spectrum Threat Response publication manager and program manager for the Airman's Manual at the Air Force Civil Engineer Support Agency at Tyndall Air Force Base, Fla. The section is tabbed, in easy-to-read simple text, and states specific "need-to-know-now" actions such as post-attack and shelter-in-place actions, weapons jam procedures, self-aid and buddy care and how to identify unexploded ordnance. It can even be read using night-vision goggles.

"The experts reviewed each section to ensure accuracy, then added essential information from lessons learned from operations Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, or any other items they found to be important over past five years," Mr. Prier said.

The team visited Lackland AFB, Texas, to test the draft manual on basic training graduates who recently completed Warrior Week.

Every bluesuiter will get a copy of the manual, with deployed and deploying Airmen getting their copies first through their unit deployment managers. Certain emergency-essential civilians and contractors will also get them.

## SERVICES UPDATE

Gym Floor Replacement Project should wrap up Aug. 5. The weight room, cardio area and HAWC should not be effected unless otherwise publicized.

### Upcoming Events

**July 17, 2200—Midnight Golf Tournament.** Sign up at the Community Center by July 16.

**July 18, 1300—Bus/Walk tour to Waterfall (approx. 4 hours).** Sign up at the Community Center by July 17.

**Aug. 14—Polar Bear Swim**

**Aug. 14-15 (tentative)-BOXTOP Olympics.**

**Aug. 15&28—Bus/Walk tour to Ice Caves.** Sign up at the Community Center.

**Just want to jam? Sign up for Sunday Jam Sessions at the TOW Club.**

Contact 821st Services for more information at 2445

## Operations standardization team visits 12 SWS

**By Tech Sgt. Robert Burnett  
12th Space Warning Squadron**

An Operations Standardization Team (OST) visit is a challenging time but it is an opportunity for squadron personnel to shine and show off their strengths, and the 12th Space Warning Squadron at Thule AB, Greenland, certainly shined in mid May 2004. With a focus on operations and the support activities included therein, the men and women of the 12th SWS proved they were more than ready for the challenges involved with the inspections of a OST visit, and passed them with flying colors.

Lt. Col. Franklin J. Hinson, 12 SWS Commander, acknowledge the entire squadron for their hard work and efforts

before and during the unit's OST visit from May 7-13. Several 12th SWS squadron members were also noted for their exceptional duty performance and recognized with "Professional Performer" awards and a "Professional Team" award.

Two members of the 12th SWS Standardization/Evaluation shop (DOV), Tech Sgt. Sean Kavanagh and Staff Sgt. Susan Sparks, and one member of the 12th SWS Training shop, Tech Sgt. Derrick Lucas, garnered "Professional Performer" awards for their excellence and professionalism in providing quality training/evaluations and their above-and-beyond contributions to unit operations, both leading up to and during the OST

inspection.

Three crew members, Capt. Brian Kirkland, 12th SWS Crew Commander, Staff Sgt. Chris Terrio, 12 SWS Crew Chief, and Staff Sgt. Matt Mangold, 12th SWS Space Systems Console Operator, were evaluated during the OST visit and earned "Highly Qualified" ratings, the highest possible rating in Air Force Space Command. Their teamwork, crew coordination, and situational awareness during the evaluation resulted in their recognition as a "Professional Team" by the OST.

The professionals of the 12th SWS are looking to again prove themselves during the upcoming ORI, which is scheduled to occur later this year.

# What does your conscience say?

**By Col. Walter Saeger Jr.**  
Air-to-surface munitions director

HILL AIR FORCE BASE, Utah -- How many times have you started to do something only to stop and ask yourself, "Should I really do this?" Maybe it doesn't happen too often for you, but it does for me.

Every time I have to decide what action to take, I hear this little voice that guides my decision. Some people would call it my conscience.

The conscience is a wonderful thing when it's there and listened to. It can keep us from doing things that could get us in trouble.

But, it has to be there and it has to be listened to. Most people have a conscience that they listen to -- at least I assume they do or we would have a lot more crimes being committed or laws being broken.

So why am I worried about whether you have a conscience or not?

It comes down to the business that we are in. Being in the Air Force -- civilian or military -- we are entrusted to perform a service for our country. How we perform that service depends highly

on our conscience.

How many times have you stretched your coffee break an extra 15 minutes and thought it didn't harm anyone since you still got all of your work done for that day? How about the time you went TDY and came back when you were scheduled to even though the meeting ended early and you could have come back a day earlier? Hopefully no one reading this has been tempted to do the latter although I'm sure many people have done the former.

Both scenarios are examples of the Air Force being short-changed; in the first example it's "only" time while in the second it's both time and money. Maybe you work hard and rationalize that the Air Force owes you that much, but does it? If you were paying the bill, how would you feel then? That is how you should look at everything you do. If I were paying the bill, would I still be willing to do what I am about to do?

Another way to ensure you do the right thing is the "60 Minutes" test. If someone from "60 Minutes" -- the TV show with Mike Wallace -- were to walk up and ask what you were doing

and why, would you be willing to tell them everything and wait to see it on TV? Or better yet, have someone from your family see it on TV?

I've always asked myself why I would do something that I wouldn't want to read about in the newspaper or see on the TV news. When your actions can stand the "60 Minutes" test, you can be pretty confident that you're doing the right thing for the right reason. There will always be exceptions, but unless you're lying to yourself (and your conscience won't help you there), people will trust you.

Now I'm sure you're asking yourself, "What does all of this have to do with me?" It goes back to being in the Air Force.

Americans trust us to do our best to protect them and our way of life. This trust is based on each of us doing what is right, no matter what others may think or do, and you cannot always do what is right without guidance like your conscience or the "60 Minutes" test. Use them often enough and eventually you won't even hear them -- it will just be natural to do the right thing all the time.

## Thule pier season safety

**Courtesy of 821st Logistics Flight**

The annual Port season at Thule has arrived! With extremely busy cargo download operations taking place in the vicinity of DeLong Pier, there are important standard safety precautions to remember:

DeLong Pier is designated by the base commander as a limited access area during port season. Only vehicles with an authorized 2004 Port Clearance pass (or security/emergency vehicles) are allowed on the pier during port season.

The GC Port Superintendent, Mr. Torben Kristensen, is responsible for all activities on the pier and can refuse entry to any non-essential personnel.

For authorized personnel on the pier, safety helmets must be worn while any cargo handling operations are taking place.

All authorized vehicles should keep to the left while driving on the pier and should only park in areas specified by the Port Superintendent.

Pictures of the ships should be taken at a point away from the pier area so to not interfere with port operations. Recommended areas for taking pictures of the ships are on top of Mt. Dundas and North Mountain.

Please direct any questions regarding the port season to Capt. Lance Brenneke (ext. 2716) or Tech Sgt. Eric Balogh (ext. 2346).

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# Tee Time At Thule

**July 4th celebration marks 30th anniversary of the Mt. Dundas Climb and Golf Tournament**



Photos by 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

Above: Capt. Kel Hannum lines up his shot from the "tee" (carpet square) as Capt. Mark Arzate awaits his turn. Left: Master Sgt. Scott Brisson finishes a practice shot and eyes the "fairway" as Master Sgt. Chad Keller and Steve Tribble watch July 3. Below: Master Sgt. Chad Keller prepares a shot for the "green". If the nine-hole tournament did not prove to be a challenge for competitors, the climb to the top of Mt. Dundas surely did. Winners of the tourney were Lt. Col. Joey Hinson and Patrick King (men's division) and Janne Thomsen (women's division).



## Upcoming Birthdays

Senior Airman Frank Fields	Jul 3
Tech Sgt. Dawn Moninger	Jul 5
Tech Sgt. Jason Swift	Jul 5
Senior Airman Sean Ryan	Jul 9
Master Sgt. Michael Landmann	Jul 10
Maj. Michael Gresham	Jul 10
Master Sgt. Charles McLaurin	Jul 28
Staff Sgt. Erin Zeitler	Jul 30
Maj. Mike Hower	Jul 31

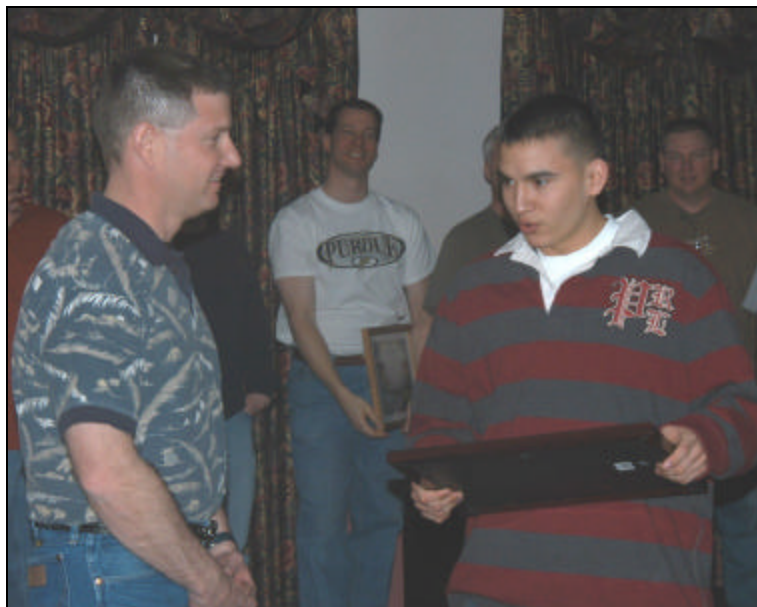
Master Sgt. John Borowski	Aug 1
Staff Sgt. Jason Lambert	Aug 2
Staff Sgt. Gary Brown	Aug 4
Senior Airman Chris Allen	Aug 6
Senior Airman Holly Gautreaux	Aug 8
Capt. Brian Kirkland	Aug 12
Tech Sgt. Charles Dickens	Aug 17
Airman 1st Class Louis Marceaux	Aug 24
Senior Airman James Sese	Aug 29
Master Sgt. Chad Keller	Aug 31

# The Lighter Side of Thule



Photo by 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

Did you get that one? Tech Sgt. Leighton Sinclair videotapes himself in front of the Sankt Hans bonfire June 23. He was there...and has the video to prove it!



Photos by 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

As tradition dictates, Thule's youngest troop, Airman John Ortiz, presents Col. Thomas Walker, former 821st ABG Commander, with his Blue Nose Certificate, officially marking the end of his tour at Thule, July 3.



Photo by 1st Lt. Jennifer Tribble

With the assistance of Thule's friendly chapel staff, Capt. Kel Hannum shows how to keep spirits high on top of the world. If this fails, maybe he can just show off those forearms!

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awarded a medal?  
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